

intended to be included within the scope of the appended claims. Moreover, although the foregoing descriptions and the associated drawings describe example embodiments in the context of certain example combinations of elements and/or functions, it should be appreciated that different combinations of elements and/or functions may be provided by alternative embodiments without departing from the scope of the appended claims. In this regard, for example, different combinations of elements and/or functions other than those explicitly described above are also contemplated as may be set forth in some of the appended claims. Although specific terms are employed herein, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation.

1-42. (canceled)

43. A method comprising:

providing for connection to a primary network;
receiving configuration information comprising one or more criteria for connecting to a secondary network;
providing for connection to the secondary network based at least in part on the one or more criteria; and
causing communication of data with a network entity in the primary network in cooperation with one or more devices connected to the secondary network.

44. The method of claim **43**, wherein receiving configuration information further comprises:

receiving an access network discovery and selection function management object.

45. The method of claim **43**, wherein receiving configuration information further comprises:

receiving one or more real time commands originating from a real time secondary access network discovery and selection function.

46. The method of claim **43**, wherein causing communication with a network entity in the primary network in cooperation with one or more devices connected to the secondary network further comprises at least one of:

distributing data for transmission to the one or more devices connected to the secondary network; and
causing transmission of the data to the network entity in cooperation with the one or more devices connected to the secondary network;

or

receiving data from the network entity in cooperation with the one or more devices connected to the secondary network; and

collecting the received data from the one or more devices connected to the secondary network.

47. The method of claim **43**, wherein providing for connection to the secondary network further comprises:

forming the secondary network;
discovering at least one device; and
creating a link to the at least one device in the secondary network.

48. The method of claims **43** further comprising:

causing transmission of network information to the network entity in the primary network, wherein the network information comprises information related to the secondary network.

49. The method of claim **43** wherein the secondary network comprises a link to an offload network, the method further comprising:

communicating data via the link to the offload network instead of causing communication with a network entity in the primary network.

50. An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory comprising computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

provide for connection to a primary network;
receive configuration information comprising one or more criteria for connecting to a secondary network;
provide for connection to the secondary network based at least in part on the one or more criteria; and
cause communication of data with a network entity in the primary network in cooperation with one or more devices connected to the secondary network.

51. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein in order to receive configuration information, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

receive an access network discovery and selection function management object.

52. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein in order to receive configuration information, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

receive one or more real time commands originating from a real time secondary access network discovery and selection function.

53. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein in order to cause communication with a network entity in the primary network in cooperation with one or more devices connected to the secondary network, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least one of:

distribute data for transmission to the one or more devices connected to the secondary network; and
cause transmission of the data to the network entity in cooperation with the one or more devices connected to the secondary network;

or

receive data from the network entity in cooperation with the one or more devices connected to the secondary network; and

collect the received data from the one or more devices connected to the secondary network.

54. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein in order to provide for connection to the secondary network, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

form the secondary network;
discover at least one device; and
create a link to the at least one device in the secondary network.

55. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

cause transmission of network information to the network entity in the primary network, wherein the network information comprises information related to the secondary network.

56. The apparatus of claim **50**, wherein the secondary network comprises a link to an offload network, and wherein at least one memory and the computer program code are